



LAY THE CORNER-STONE OF THE GREAT CATHEDRAL LOVING TRIBUTES AGAIN PAID TO SOLDIERS IN GRAY

A Most Impressive Event
Here on Thursday.

MANY LEADING
CHURCHMEN COMING

A Reception to the Apostolic
Delegate Wednesday.

MR. THOMAS F. RYAN
IS TO BE PRESENT

The Donor of the Magnificent Structure
Will Be an Honored Guest—A Num-
ber of Bishops Will Grace the
Occasion—The Programme
that Has Been Ar-
ranged.

In the presence of one of the most dis-
tinguished gatherings of clergy and laity
ever known in Richmond, the cornerstone
of the great new Roman Catholic Cathed-
ral, in process of erection here, will be
laid on the afternoon of Thursday next,
with attending exercises in keeping with
the importance of the event.

From many different points in the
country prominent visitors will come, in-
cluding a number of bishops and other
prelates high in the councils of the
church. The apostolic delegate represent-
ing the Pope in the United States
will reside, and around him will be
gathered a number of other notables.
Catholics throughout the South will have
their eyes turned toward Richmond for
the time being, since the new church will
take its place as the finest south of the
Potomac. So far as the local church
members are concerned, there will be a
grand outpouring, which will swell the
attendance to huge proportions.

PROCESSION AND RECEPTION.
His Excellency, Domènec Falconio, apostolic
delegate to the United States, will
reach Richmond Wednesday evening at
7:15 o'clock from Washington. The dele-
gate is the representative of Pope Leo
in this country, and is sent here to settle
all matters of dispute which would other-
wise have to go to Rome for a decision.
The distinguished position he occupies
will make this his first visit to Rich-
mond, quite an event.
On the arrival of Monsignor Falconio, a
procession of priests and altar boys will
be formed, and will march from the Epis-
copal residence to the present Cathedral,
where the delegate will be received by
Bishop Van de Vyver. Two addresses
will be delivered. The Bishop will wel-
come the visitor in behalf of the clergy
of the State, and Mr. John C. Hagan,
where the delegate will make reply, and immediately there-
after will give solemn benediction, with
the blessed sacrament.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.
The laying of the corner-stone will oc-
cur on the afternoon of the next day. At 3
o'clock all of the Catholic men of the
city belonging to the various societies,
and all others who possibly can will as-
semble in the basement of the Sacred
Heart Church. From there the proces-
sion will march to the site of the new
cathedral to be present at the exercises.
Upon this occasion, also the clergy will
be present to assist. They will be robed
in cassock and surplice.

The exercises attending the laying of
the corner-stone will begin about 4
o'clock, and will be simple, but very im-
pressive. Peculiar interest attaches to the
stone itself. Fifteen years ago Archbishop
Keane, then Bishop of Richmond, made
a trip to the Holy Land, and while there
had cut from the Garden of Gethsemane
a block of stone which he brought home
with him. He anticipated the time when
the Catholics of Richmond would have
a great Cathedral, and he wished this to
be the corner-stone. The present Cathedral
in the basement of the present Cathedral
has been recently brought to light. The
builders have gotten it into the proper
shape, and it will be the stone blessed
next Thursday.

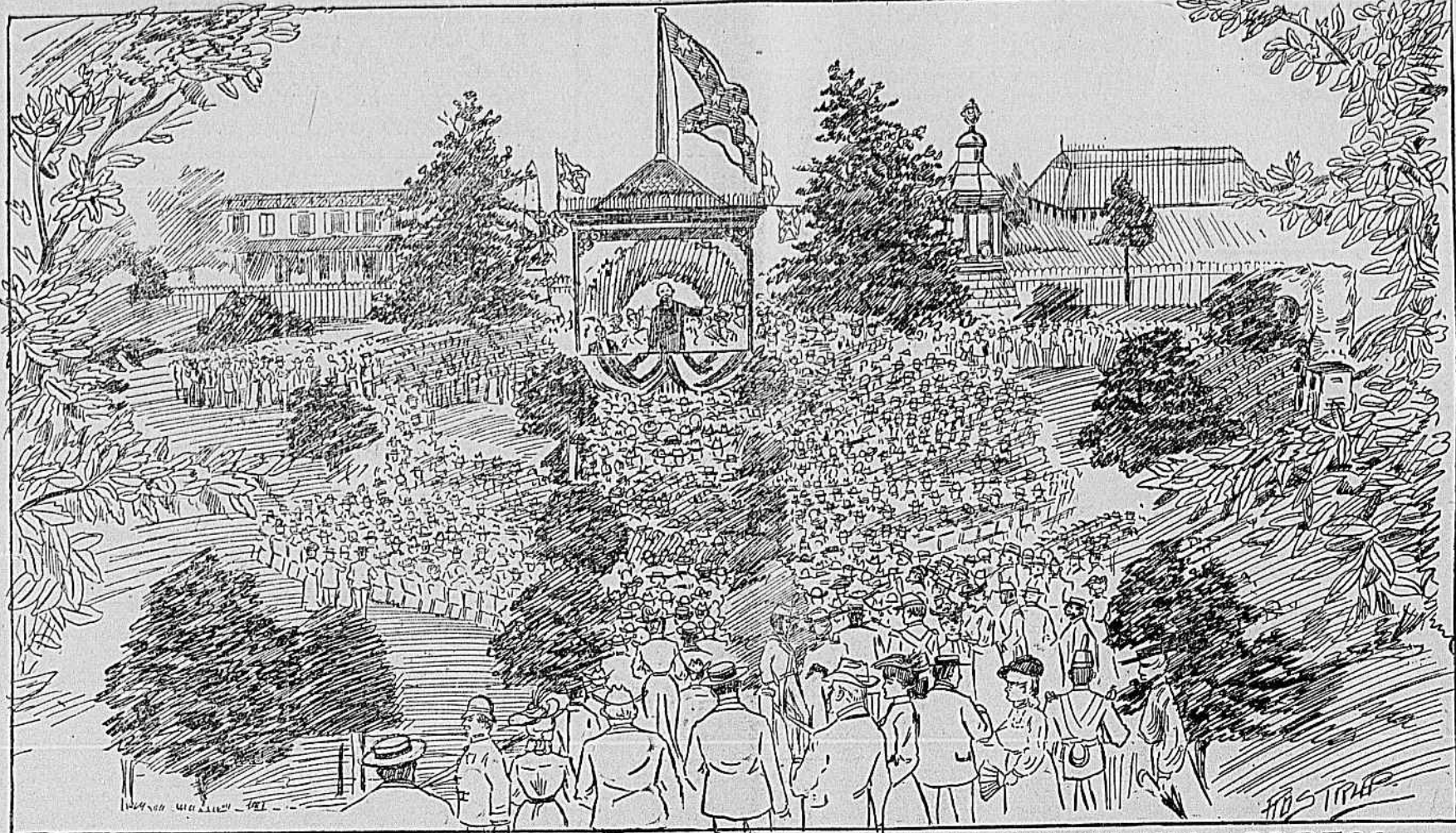
THE EXERCISES.
First of all a cross will be placed where
the main altar of the Cathedral is to be
situated. The apostolic delegate will then
offer prayer at this spot. From this point
he will proceed to the place where the
corner-stone will be inserted. He will
bless the stone with appropriate prayer,
and will then put it into position. The
sign of the cross will be made on the
four sides of the block. Thereafter His Ex-
cellency will pass around sprinkling the
foundations with holy water. During this
ceremony psalms will be chanted by the
attending clergymen.

The orator for the occasion will be the
Rev. Father Pardow, of New York, the
famous Jesuit priest. Father Pardow is
a man of striking ability and eloquence,
and his visit is awaited with keen in-
terest. He is one of the best known mem-
bers of the famous Society of Jesus. The
address will precede the other exercises.
Arrangements for the minor details of
these exercises have not yet been en-
tirely completed. All of this will be fin-
ished later. Bishop Van de Vyver will,
of course, take part.

A platform will be erected to accommo-
date the clergy and some specially invited
guests. The great mass, which is expect-
ed to be very large, including practically
all the Catholics of Richmond and vicinity
and many others from distant points,
will assemble around the place standing.
The exceptional facilities afforded by the
location of the church will sufficiently
accommodate all.

As indicated above, many distinguished
clergymen and laymen will be present.
Prominent among the lay visitors will be
Mr. Thomas Fortune Ryan, of New York,
who contributes the entire amount for
the erection of the great church. Mrs.
Ryan finds herself unable to be present.
His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate,
will, of course, occupy a central place
among the clergy. With him will be the
Apostolic Delegate, Monsignor Marchetti. A num-
ber of bishops will be in attendance.
Bishop Kelley, of Savannah, Ga., former-
ly of Richmond, where he has relatives,
who was consecrated here a few years
ago, will be among the number. There
will also be Bishop Donahoe, of Wheel-
ing, W. Va.; Bishop Manoghan, of Dela-
ware; Bishop Gabriels, of Odensburg,
N. Y.; and others.

Cardinal Gibbons will not be present.



SCENE IN HOLLYWOOD WHEN GENERAL WHITE BEGUN HIS ADDRESS.

Their Resting Places Are
Flower-Bedecked.

GREEN HOLLYWOOD
A SCENE OF BEAUTY

Impressive Parade of Veter-
ans, Military and Others.

SPLENDID ORATION OF
GENERAL ROBT. WHITE

Gathering to Attend the Exercises the
Largest in Many Years—Inspiring
Music from Two Excellent
Bands—The Decorations
Fragrant and Beautiful
In the Extreme.

Nothing less than black clouds, rain
and thunder and lightning could have
marred the impressive ceremonies at
Hollywood Cemetery yesterday afternoon,
when many thousands of Richmond peo-
ple gathered upon those grass-covered
and hallowed hillsides to do honor to the
memory of their dead.

When the splendid column moved from
Fifth and Franklin at 4:30, no evening
could seem to have been more propitious.
A breeze was reducing the oppression,
and a few kindly-intentioned clouds over
in the west veiled the face of the sun,
which was very grateful to the soldiers.

But the march to Hollywood was long,
and before the militia had circled among
the hills of Hollywood and finally taken
its position on each side of the speaker's
stand at the north entrance, a few feet
from the Pickens monument, great black
clouds had boiled up in the west, and a
storm was rapidly coming. This caused
many hundreds to leave the cemetery.
But thousands remained, and the beauti-
ful ceremonies were completed. The rain,
which came at the close, when most
were in the shelter of home, only served
to freshen the flowers placed by loving
hands upon the mounds and to deepen
the green of the sward.

The address of General White was one
of the most eloquent ever heard on a
similar occasion. The spirit of it was so
gentle, so patriotic, and its word-paint-
ing so rich in feeling and color that all
who heard it were captivated and felt
grateful to General White for bringing
them a message of such rare sweetness.
Judge George L. Christian presided with
accustomed grace.

MARCH TO SOLDIERS' MUSEUM.
Headed by General A. L. Phillips, chief
marshal, who is a fine horseman, the
column of citizens, military, and ladies
in carriages, moved to the cemetery from
Fifth and Franklin at 4:30, while three
bands, the new Blues, Jardella's and the
Seventeenth Regiment, piped appropriate
music. The veterans did not join the
line until far up the street, and the ad-
vance of the cemetery fresh and com-
paratively cool. Along the line of march
and at the cemetery the military at-
tracted much attention. Major Saville
Seventeenth Regiment, in command of the
line, was in command of the companies of
the Blues, and while Major Chest-
wood handled the Blues. As the latter
came down the slope from the pyramid
towards the speaker's stand, the moving
picture they made was a stirring one, and
the crowd applauded and cheered sponta-
neously.

The decorations were exceedingly beau-
tiful and elaborate. An unusually large
quantity of flowers were used. The
Davidson plot was beautifully and ten-
derly decorated.

Miss Mattie P. Harris, chairman of the
committee for decorating the Jefferson
Davis section, with Mrs. Borton, Mrs.
Mrs. R. S. Smith, Mrs. Anderson, Meade and Pat-
erson, of the committee, and Mrs. Myrtle
Lockett Avery, author of "A Virginia
Girl in the Civil War," were out, bright
and early yesterday morning decorating
the Davis plot, that which, in all the
length and breadth of the land, there
is none more sacred to Southerners.
The section, beautiful in itself, with its
noble trees and its rose bushes bearing
blooms, red and white, became still
lovelier under their touches. There were
some pretty incidents connected with
the work. The resting place of the leader
of the "Lost Cause," became one golden
glory of orange-blossoms, the floral emblem
of the International Sunshine Society—con-
tributed by a lady from Pennsylvania.

WINNIE DAVIS ROSES.
Mrs. Avery, formerly of Virginia, but
now of New York, assisted by Mrs. Hill,
spread these yellow blossoms over the
mound, wove the wreaths and bound them
about the pedestal.

As the scroll of "sunshine" flowers was
laid at the feet of the statue, one of the
ladies said: "President Davis had so lit-
tle sunshine in his life, it is well that he
should have it in his death."
From Kentucky, Mr. Davis' native State,
came some Winnie Davis rose bushes,
which were planted by the committee on
either side of the monument of the Daugh-
ter of the Confederacy.

Typical of rest was the wreath of scarlet
poppies that gleamed against the white
marble. The Ladies' Memorial Associa-
tion returns thanks for beautiful floral
tributes sent by the Oakwood and Hebrew
Associations and the florists.

GENERAL WHITE'S SPEECH.

On the platform with General White and
Judge Christian were Hon. J. Taylor El-
lyson, the ladies of the Hollywood and
Hollywood Associations and Dr. W. H. Whit-
sett, who delivered the opening prayer.

When this eloquent and fervent invec-
tion had been offered, Judge Christian
gave a brief introductory sketch of the
Hollywood Association, and concluded by
presenting General White, of Wheeling,
W. Va. The address which followed was
in every respect worthy of the occasion.

Stirring Eloquence.

After a splendid tribute to Virginia,
General White said:
"Ah! well do I remember the tragic
scenes of 1861, when the drums sounded
the roll-call to arms."

"It was a sad and trying hour. Hus-
bands, fathers, sons, brothers, called by
the State's command to war. Homes
broken up, families separated, never to
be again united—many parting never to
return. Bravely, nobly, grandly did Vir-
ginia's sons obey the call, and with
heroism grander than words can tell did

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VON PLEHWE RESPONSIBLE

He Created Sentiment Which
Led to the Massacre.

CZAR'S NAME WAS USED

It Was Stated that He Had Issued an
Ukase Ordering the Death of the
Jews—His Purposes Are
Revealed.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, May 30.—The part which the
Russian interior minister, M. Von Plehwe
took in the Kishineff massacre is described
by a person behind the scenes in Rus-
sian court life, in a communication to
Dr. Barth, leader of the Radical Liberals
and editor of the Nation. The writer
says:

"Von Plehwe, who was the assistant
of General Ipatieff (when the latter
was chief minister) in 1881, at the time the
Jewish persecution took place, desired to
impress the Czar with the unfitness of
the common people to have any share in
local self-government by a spectacular
outbreak in the provinces, in which the
crudity and primeval character of the

loyal people could be shown. Parallel
with this object was a desire to divert the
attention of the people from the govern-
ment by giving their passions an outlet
against the Jews. Von Plehwe had as his
agent his political friend, Kroushevan,
who is known as the most extreme anti-
Semite in Russia, proprietor of the Bes-
sarabyetz, a newspaper of Kishineff."
In Kroushevan's interest he suppressed
the Bessarabyetz Westnik, the rival pa-
per in Kishineff, giving Kroushevan the
exclusive field.

CREATED SENTIMENT.

"As showing the close relation between



BISHOP KEILEY,
Who will attend the Corner-Stone Lay-
ing.

the two, Von Plehwe obtained for Krous-
hevan a government subsidization of 25,000
roubles, with which he founded the anti-
Jewish paper Besarabyetz at St. Petersburg.
Von Plehwe, at a council of the minis-
ters, asked for a further subsidy, but
M. Witto (the finance minister) objected,
on the ground that the State did not get
sufficient return. Indeed, so universal is the
amount he asked at the State bank, on
his unsecured personal note.

"Kroushevan prepared the minds of
the people of Kishineff by publishing
anti-Jewish articles. A rumor was
started that a golden Ukase of the
Czar had arrived, commanding the death
of the Jews at Easter. Governor Von
Raaben refused to deny the rumor, and
the vice-governor, Ustrugoff, was the
censor and a contributor to the Besa-
rabyetz, so even the intelligent people of
the town credited the report that the
government was willing to exterminate
the Jews. After the massacre Von
Plehwe informed Governor Von Raaben
that he had permitted the outbreak to
go too far, and that the barbarities of
the drunken robbers was inexcusable.

CZAR DISPLEASED.

"The Czar was deeply displeased with
Governor Von Raaben, and directed Von
Plehwe to remove all the officials of the
city and province. Von Plehwe urged
that an inquiry first be made, and the
Czar agreed to this. He said he would
send one of his own adjutants, but Von
Plehwe suggested that Lopuchin, one of
his assistants, be selected to inquire into
the matter. Lopuchin returned with a
mild report, which was too dark. Von
Plehwe revised it before its submission
to the Czar.

"Von Plehwe still retains possession
of the Czar's mind. His position is com-
pletely unshaken, and it will continue
unshaken so long as Von Plehwe has
daily personal access to his Majesty.

"Von Plehwe's ambitions were ex-
pressed to a small party of his friends on
one occasion, when he pantomimically
held up a baton, as if leading an or-
chestra."

Showers Indicated.

The Weather Bureau only received
meagre reports a sto weather probabili-
ties yesterday, owing to the fact that the
day was a national holiday. Indications,
however, so far as received point to show-
ers for to-day, and continued warm
weather.

MORE FRAUD IS SHOWN

Postoffice Department is Pay-
ing Excessive Rent.

FIGURES ARE STARTLING

In New York State Alone Five Million
Dollars is Estimate of Overcharge
in Ten Years—In Cases Excess
is 100 Per Cent.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 30.—The Brooklyn
Eagle says to-day that an investiga-
tion made, shows that \$500,000 per an-
num is paid in New York State in ex-
cess of the normal commercial rentals for
postoffices. The Eagle adds that as the
leases run for ten years the total ex-
cess amounts to \$5,000,000.

The Eagle says:
"Confining the investigation to New
York State, in which nearly every sec-
tion has been covered, it is difficult to
find an instance where the Federal gov-
ernment is not paying from twenty-five
to fifty per cent more than it should
for rentals. Indeed, so universal is the
excessive rent paid, that a belief
would be justified that an organized con-

spracy to advance and maintain the high
figures of these rentals exists or has
existed for some time. All the traffic
would bear, seems to be the rule.
"Instances of fifty per cent above the
rentals paid by private interests for like
property similarly situated are many,
seventy-five per cent not infrequently,
while, in some cases, one hundred and
even two hundred per cent, have been
reached.

"Instances have been found where
less than have been executed by the Post-
office Department for the occupation of
floors in buildings which were not in ex-
istence, but which were yet to be built,
and were so built and occupied at grossly
excessive rates.

"The most notable and flagrant of the
abuse is in Dunkirk in Chautauque
county. It is a city of 11,616 popu-
lation by the last census. For a single
floor for the accommodation of the post-
office the government is paying \$2,000 an-
nually. In the same block a few doors
neerer is a street floor, which is occupied
by a business concern which, apart from
this postoffice building, commands the
highest rent in the city of Dunkirk. The
merchant occupying it pays \$700 per an-
num."

The Eagle presents a table of recent in-
creases of rentals at towns throughout
the State.

**THE ART EXHIBIT TO
BE OPEN TO-MORROW**

Any one who desires it will have an
opportunity to view the pictures at the
Art Exhibit to-morrow. The rain of yester-
day doubtless prevented many from
attending, and they will doubtless be
glad to avail themselves of the opportu-
nity offered to-morrow.

In addition to the pictures mentioned
elsewhere as sold, another was disposed
of yesterday. It was one of the excellent
chalk sketches of Mr. Mitteldorfer Straus,
teacher of design of the Art Club.



MR. THOMAS F. RYAN
(Donor of the New Cathedral).



RIGHT REV. A. VAN DE VYVER
(Catholic Bishop of Virginia).